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The Rediff Interview/Anita Bose Pfaff

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Shyam Benegal's film *Bose - The Forgotten Hero* releases on May 13, but already finds itself in the midst of controversy. The All-India Forward Bloc has protested against the depiction of events in Netaji


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Subhas Chandra Bose's life, including his marriage and death. Other researchers say they will file a case against the film, because they insist that Bose did not marry, and had no children.

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In an exclusive interview, first published in *India Abroad*, the newspaper owned by *rediff.com*, last year, Anita Bose Pfaff, Netaji's only child, spoke to Shyam Bhatia about her father's legacy.

Subhas Chandra Bose -- or 'Netaji' as he is known to millions of Indians -- was one of the most charismatic and dynamic leaders of India's independence movement, and the issue of how the country would have fared with him at the helm is one that tantalises historians to this day.

In truth by 1939 when Netaji was elected president of the Indian National Congress party for the second time, over the objections of M K Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru was being groomed as the Mahatma's chosen successor.

Had Netaji lived, his Forward Bloc party may have posed a continuing challenge to the Congress party under Nehru and after independence the two rivals would almost certainly have gone their ways.

At the very least with Netaji alive, India's experience of multi-party politics, in which the Congress party was the only dominant political force for the first 30 years after Independence, would have started much earlier.

In the pre-Independence era both Netaji and Nehru were identified with the Left wing of the Congress party, well to the Left of other respected freedom fighters as Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, Vallabhbhai Patel and Rajendra Prasad.

But where Netaji parted company with Nehru and Gandhi was his strongly held conviction, which he voiced from 1939 onwards, that armed resistance was a perfectly legitimate tactic for India to use in the struggle for its independence.

It was this belief -- the British would only yield to force -- that led him to seek help from the Axis powers during World War II. He met Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini and was befriended by their Japanese allies in the lead-up to the formation of the Provisional Government of Free India that was recognised by the Axis powers and their Southeast Asian allies on October 21, 1943.

During his stay in Berlin in 1943, Netaji founded the Free India Center and the Azad Hind Radio station. It was also in Berlin that the foundation was laid for what later became known as the Indian National Army or INA.

Indian prisoners of war captured in North Africa by Field Marshal Erwin Rommel's Afrika Korps were released into Netaji's custody and went on to form the India Legion that fought against Allied forces on the Western front.

The idea taken up by the Japanese high command led to the release of some 30,000 Indian prisoners of war in South-

east Asia. The resulting INA force traveled as far as Kohima, now in Nagaland in northeast India, in 1944. Then, as the tide started to turn against the Axis forces, the INA was forced to retreat into the jungles of Burma.

Netaji was born on January 23, 1897 in Cuttack, Orissa, one of the 14 children of a successful lawyer, Janakinath Bose, and his wife, Prabhavati Devi. A graduate of Kolkata's Presidency College, he was subsequently sent by his father to England to prepare for entry into the prestigious Indian Civil Service.

Although he passed his ICS exam with flying colors, Netaji's heart was in politics. Strongly influenced by Gandhi, Chittaranjan Das and the teachings of Swami Vivekananda, he joined the Indian National Congress and was jailed 11 times by the British between 1920 and 1941.

Like many Indians of his generation the turning point in Netaji's political education was the Jallianwalla Bagh massacre of April 1919 when hundreds of unarmed Indian civilians were shot dead at point blank range on the orders of a British general.

Unlike Gandhi who formulated his peaceful non co-operation movement as the preferred strategy for evicting the British from India, Netaji was increasingly of the view that a more direct and militant approach was required before India could gain its freedom.

Convinced that his enemy's enemy was India's natural ally, he escaped from house arrest in 1941 and made his way to the Afghan capital of Kabul. From there, assisted by German diplomats he traveled under an assumed name, Signor Orlando Mazzitto, to Samarkand, Moscow and eventually Berlin.

British analysts have vilified his subsequent meetings with Hitler, Mussolini and the Japanese government as evidence of Netaji's so-called fascist leanings. Quite the opposite was true. A Left wing activist to the end of his days, he held no brief for Hitler and Mussolini's racist and fascist ideologies and viewed his relationship with them purely in the context of India's freedom struggle.

Although he failed to win Hitler's unqualified endorsement for a free and independent Indian state, Netaji secured the freedom of Indian prisoners of war in German custody. The story of how some Germans and Indians subsequently fought side by side in the India Legion against British forces on the Western front has remained one of the best kept secrets of the Second World War.

Netaji died in a plane crash on the island of Taiwan in August 1945. At the time US troops were only two days away from occupying Japan and Netaji, on his way from Saigon to Tokyo, was trying to make contact with remnants of the Imperial Japanese government. What remained of the INA had started to disintegrate after Germany's surrender in April 1945, followed soon after by Japan's. Netaji's death accelerated the process.

Anxious to reassert their control over India the British

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attempted to try Netaji's senior commanding officers for treason. But the trial of commanders like Shah Nawaz Khan, Gurbaksh Singh Dhillon and Prem Sehgal in Delhi's Red Fort soon collapsed and a general amnesty for all INA soldiers was declared.

In life as in death Netaji acquired a cult following among millions of Indians who saw him as an authentic hero and the only political leader with the necessary legitimacy to lead India following the departure of the British. For years after his death stories continued to circulate about how he had gone into hiding and was only biding his time before he reappeared to claim his rightful place as head of a free Indian state.

Critics have questioned his belief in a more authoritarian system of government for the sake of India's development, but even they concede that his views on workers and women's rights and population control were considered far ahead of their time and are still relevant today. How India would have developed with Netaji in charge remains one of the great 'What ifs' of 20th century history and politics.

Anita Bose Pfaff, Netaji's only child, was born in Vienna, her mother's city, which her father visited in 1934 for medical treatment. During his stay Netaji asked an Indian friend to locate an English-speaking secretary to help him with a book he was planning to write.

The friend, who ran an English conversation course, introduced him to Emilie Schenkl in June 1934. Emilie was the daughter of a prominent veterinary surgeon. They soon fell in love and married in December 1937 in Bad Gastein. Anita, who was born in 1942, is married to Professor Martin Pfaff, formerly a Green Party member of the Bundestag, the German parliament. They have three children: Peter Arun, Thomas Krishna and Maya Carina.

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The *Enigma* of Subhas Chandra Bose

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Letters to Emilie Schenkl (1934-1942)

Note by Sisir K Bose & Sugata Bose

Perhaps the least known aspect of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's many-sided personality was his love for Emilie Schenkl, his Austrian wife. Bose met Emilie Schenkl in June 1934 in Vienna, developed a close relationship during his forced European exile, secretly married her in December 1937, and had a daughter, Anita, in November 1942. This special volume of the Collected Works illuminates the human and emotional aspects of Netaji's many-splendoured life.

In his first letter to Emilie Schenkl on 30 November 1934, Subhas Chandra Bose wrote, 'I am always a bad correspondent - but not a bad man I hope.' This 'bad correspondent' nevertheless managed to write with unerring frequency to the woman he loved, whether he was in a prisoner's hospital, home interned, or in the midst of whirlwind political tours. One hundred and sixty-two of his letters written between 1934 and 1942 are being published for the first time in this volume, along with eighteen of Emilie Schenkl's letters that have survived.

In short, this volume of, hitherto, unrevealed letters represents the first opportunity for readers to understand a hidden or underplayed dimension of India's foremost militant nationalist.

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Subhas Chandra Bose

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Graves of Netaji's troops found in Austria

Shyam Bhatia in London | February 16, 2004 | 15:40 IST

The newly discovered graves of Indian soldiers in the small Austrian town of Sonthofen, close to the German border, highlight the role of those Indians who fought alongside Hitler's armies against the Allies during World War II.

The existence of the graves was revealed by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's daughter Anita Pfaff, who lives in Germany and recently celebrated her father's 107th birth anniversary.

"These graves belong to Indian soldiers who were part of the Indian Legion under my father's command before he took charge of the Indian National Army in southeast Asia," Pfaff told *rediff.com*

She said the graves were dug up at the behest of the US Army, which mistakenly thought they contained the bodies of American servicemen killed in the war.

Unfortunately, the dog tags were removed from the corpses during the excavation, so it has not been possible to identify the individual soldiers.

Explaining that the Indian Legion was made up of about 1,000 Indian prisoners of war captured by the Germans in Europe and North Africa, Pfaff said the Axis powers had planned for the Indian Legion and the INA to converge on British India from opposite directions.

"Members of the Legion swore an oath of allegiance both to my father and to the Fuehrer," she said. "But the Indian Legion did not have much of a future as the Africa campaign [headed by Field Marshal Erwin Rommel] did not come off. That was the reason my father moved off to the East because he did not expect anything to come off in the West."

Pfaff said she is still in touch with the German widow of one of the Indian Legion veterans. Eva Maria Mukerjee's husband Brijlal Mukerjee survived World War II and retired to Mumbai where he died more than a decade ago.

"She continued to live in Mumbai after her husband's death, but then she had to give up the freedom fighter's apartment given to him. She also became quite frail and so decided to return to Germany.

"Her health is okay, but she claims she is deteriorating. She seemed quite lucid when I spoke to her, but she's not getting any better, I would say."

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Wishing Well: A rare 1937 photo shows Subhas Bose receiving Miraben in Dalhousie. Bose was recovering from a recent illness and Gandhiji had sent for Miraben to enquire about his health. On Netaji's right is Dr N R Dharamvir. The lady on extreme right is his wife. (HT Library)

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Her Father's Dream: When a teenaged Anita Bose came to India for the first time in 1960, she made it a point to visit Delhi's Red Fort. Seeing the tricolour on the ramparts, she remarked: *"Netaji's dream has come true!"* (HT Library)

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Netaji's Legacy: Vice-President Krishan Kant having a word with Anita Pfaff on January 23, 1998 at a function to mark the closing ceremony of the birth centenary of Subhas Chandra Bose at Delhi's Red Fort. On her right is Captain Lakshmi Sehgal.

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Famous Daughters: Former President Giani Zail Singh, Netaji's daughter Anita Pfaff and Tara Bhattacharya, grand daughter of Gandhiji, at a Rashtrapati Bhavan reception in the honour of Anita Pfaff in 1980s.

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PRESS RELEASE

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
EXTERNAL PUBLICITY DIVISION
NEW DELHI

MESSAGE READ OUT BY DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL, MINISTER OF STATE
FOR FINANCE (BANKING & INSURANCE) AT THE FUNERAL CEREMONY OF
MRS. EMILIE SCHENKL-BOSE AT LEITERSHOFEN ON 18TH MARCH 1996.

Professor Pfaff, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have been asked by the Prime Minister of India, Mr. P.V. Narasimha Rao, to represent the Government of India today at this sad occasion, as we gather here to bid our final farewell to Mrs. Emilie Schenkl-Bose.

To us in India, the name of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose evokes deep respect, admiration and highest regard. All of us have been deeply saddened by the news of passing away of Mrs. Emilie Schenkl-Bose, who was an irreplaceable link with that generation. Mrs. Emilie Schenkl-Bose had inspired her husband Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose in his great mission for the liberation of India and had assisted her husband in writing his great book "Indian Struggle" and his unfinished autobiography. Mrs. Emilie Schenkl-Bose never stood in her husband's way in the great task to which the life of Netaji was dedicated. During the long years of her life, she lived in loneliness when Netaji with the Azad Hind Fauz (Army) marched ahead to achieve his objective. She, as a devoted wife, patiently bore that solitude with the strength and inspiration that she had from her husband. Her only ambition was to bring up their daughter Anita Bose and she lived to see to her satisfaction that their daughter was well placed in life. We share your sorrow on the death of Mrs. Emilie Schenkl-Bose.

*Pl keep this carefully with
extracts of Indinfo on
Mrs Bose's death. This wd
be reqd when funeral ceremony
takes place in Vienna.*

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May I read out the message of our Prime Minister which he wrote to Professor Pfaff. I quote "I have learnt with great sorrow the news of the passing away of Mrs. Emilie Schenkl-Bose. She was one of the persons who was closest to Netaji, and with her we have lost a link with history. She espoused Netaji's noble cause as her own and firmly stood by him through all the vicissitudes of the sacred struggle for the liberation of his motherland. Please accept my deepest condolences on this tragic loss."

This year we are observing the 50th anniversary of the famous march of the Indian National Army from Singapore to India. Also this year, nationwide functions are being held in India to mark the 100th birth-anniversary of Netaji. The Netaji Centenary Committee has been formed under the Chairmanship of our Prime Minister. Professor Pfaff is one of the members of this Committee.

Last October our Minister for External Affairs, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee had visited Mrs Schenkl-Bose and other family members here in Germany and had left with lasting impressions and memories. He had, at that time, also discussed issues relating to the deliberations at the Centenary Committee.

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of the government and the people of India, I would once again like to express our sadness at the demise of Mrs Emilie Schenkl-Bose and convey our heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family members.

Thank you "

New Delhi
18 March, 1996 .

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press release

ms. emilie schenkl bose, widow of the late netaji subash chandra bose, passed away on the evening of 12th march 1996, at augsburg, germany. she was 85 years old. the funeral is expected to be on 18th march 1996. the government of india is sending an official delegation to represent the country in the funeral. this delegation is being led by sh. debi prasad pal, minister of state for finance.

in a letter to prof. anita plaff, daughter of ms. emilie schenkl bose, sh. pranab mukherjee minister for external affairs, said 'i am deeply shocked by the passing away of your mother, mrs. emilie schenkl bose. my meeting with her and other members of your family in october last year, left on me a lasting impression and evoked memories of your father - one of the greatest sons of india.

mrs. emilie schenkl bose was an invaluable link with that generation, which is now passing out of our lives. millions across the length and breadth of india have the highest regard and respect for netaji subhash chandsra bose's widow and i would like you to know that we all share the burden opf your grief .

i convey to your and other members of your family, my deepest condolences.'

new delhi
march 14, 1996
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the designated court dealing with the hawala cases granted bail to former union ministers mr buta singh, mr k natwar singh, mr. c k jaffer sharief and mr kamalnath. the special judge mr v b gupta in his ordser asked each of them to furnish a personal bond of 10000 rupees and a surety of equal amount.

the judge also asked them to surrender their passports to the cbi and not to leave the country without the permission of the court.

the maharashtra chief minister mr manohar joshi has said that the work on the enron power project will begin in the next two months.

the nation bank for agriculture and rural? dsevelopment nabard has formulated a stater credit plan of 160.16 crore rupees for jammu and kashmir for the 1996-97 financial year. the credit plan is aimed at promoting programmes with an emphasis on establish-

ment of commercial units in the areas like diary, poultry, minor irrigation, wasteland development, horticulture, sericulture and floriculture, besides several agro-based units.

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the home minister mr s b chavan is to hold talks with four prominent kashmiri militant leaders on friday to ascertain their views on ending militancy and restoring peace in jammu and kashmir stop those leaders have given us the gun-culture and have recently proposed talks with the centre for finding a peaceful settlement to the kashmir problem stop in a statement preparing the talks they blamed pakistan for the plight of the people in jammu and kashmir stop the talks will be unconditional and are expected to find ways for initiating the democratic process in the state stop

the designated tada court in new delhi today 13.3.96 rejected the bail application of the former union minister mr kalpnath rai accused of providing whelter to associates of dawood ibrahim stop mr rai had sought the bail pleading that he was innocent and had no knowledge of ever recommending the stay for sik hiten of the underworld don in the government guest house stop mr rai is in tihar jail for the last one month stop item

the election commission has decided to deploy over 1500 observers for the coming election stop the 3-member commission at its review meeting today 13.3.96 also decided to carry out extensive videography during the elections to prevent mal-practices stop

the observers are to be officials with over fifteen years service and will be deployed in various constituencies on the basis of a random computer draw stop atleast three such observers will be posted in each parliamentary constituency and more in sensitive areas stop the officers will not be depolyed as observers in their home state or at the place of their posting stop item

the world bank is to provide a grant of 400 crore for the implementation of one thousand drinking water schemes in uttar pradesh stop out of these 650 will be situated in the uttarakhand region stop this was disclosed by the special secretary in the state rural development department mr parmashwaran ayer while talking to newsmen in srinagar (garhwal) stop he said the world bank will finance 80 per cent of the total cost while the remaining will be shared by the state government ad the village community stop item

frau emilie schenkl bose widow of netaji subhash chandra bose passed away at augsburg in germany last night stop she was 85 the message was received by the family members of netaji at calcutta today stop mr bose met netaji when he was in exile in vienna in the 1930 stop she worked as his secretary and assisted him in writing his two books the indian struggle and the unfinished autobiography indian pilgrim stop

the prime minister has condoled the death of mrs bose in a message mr narasimha rao said she will be remembered for her support to netaji during the freedom strouggles stop item

in his condolence message the external affairs minister mr pranab mukherjee described netaji as one of the greatest sons of india and mrs emilie bose as an invaluable link with the generation which is now passing out of our life stop item

India and china have stressed the need to further strengthen cooperation and exchange of visits between the armed forces of the two countries stop this emerged during the discussions between the visiting indian chief of naval staff admiral y g shekha-wat and the chinese defence minister general chi hadtian in beijing today stop sharing general chi's views admiral shakhawat emphasised the need for developing bilateral cooperation in political economic and cultural fields stop item

India and oman have agreed to expand their bilateral

cooperation in several fields stop the entire gamut of bilateral relations came up for review at a meeting between the minister of state for external affairs mr r l bhatia and his oman counterpart mr sayyid haitham si-said in new delhi stop during the two-day consultations they identified several new areas for cooperation stop mr al said later called on the external affairs minister mr pranab mukherjee the finance minister manmohan singh and others stop item

the home minister has convened a meeting today to discuss the implementation of the jharkhand area autonomous council act stop

representatives of the bihar government and the jharkhand mukti morcha and other groups will present their views on the subject stop item

the congress(1) president mr narasimha rao has said that the selection of party candidates for the lok sabha elections will begin on 14-3-96 preference will be given to younger people stop mr

rao was addressing the meeting of the general body of the congress

party in parliament in new delhi 12.3.96 stop he stressed the need for educating people on the programmes launched by the congress(1) government at the centre stop he said the devotion and discipline of members made it possible for democracy to run for five years uninterruptedly stop mr narasimha rao said the party has

to attend to many difficult political questions in uttar pradesh and tamil nadu stop he said he is in touch with members and the partymen of these states and the right decision will be taken in time stop mr narasimha rao later addressed the executive of the congress (1) parliamentary party stop item

the punjab and jammu and kashmir police have launched a joint offensive to flush out the hiding terrorite and frustrate pakistan desings to promote unity among various terrorist groups operating in both the states stop talking to our chandigarh correspondent the punjab police chief mr o p sharma said the action is being taken following reports about the sneaking of a number of hardcore kashmiri terrorists into punjab stop item

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March 18¹⁸, 1958.

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My dear Lukose,

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter No.F.52/34/NGO, dated the 3rd March together with the bank draft for £224/12/2 in my favour. The receipt in original from Frau Schenkl and the exchange voucher from the Bank are attached.

Yours sincerely,


(A.N. Mehta)

Shri K.P. Lukose,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Received this day from the Charge d'Affaires
of the Legation of India, Vienna, the sum of
Austrian Schillings 16,264.10 (Austrian Schillings
sixteen thousand two hundred and sixty four and
ten groschen only.)

Paulie Schenk

Vienna, 18th of March, 1958.

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March 12, 1958

The Creditanstalt Bankverein,
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Dear Sirs,

I am sending herewith a State Bank of India Draft No. 4/286/243882, dated the 28th February 1958, for £ 224/12/2 (Pound Sterling two hundred and twenty four, twelve shillings and two pence). Kindly pay to Mr. S.S. Singh, the bearer of this letter, in cash the equivalent in Austrian Schillings of this draft. Exchange voucher should also be sent.

Yours faithfully

(A.N. Mehta)
Charge d'Affaires

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI.

Ms.F.52/34/NGO.

March 3rd, 1958.

My dear Mehta,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with Vijaya Raghavan's letter No.Con./8/1 dated the 4th April 1957, to Broughton, regarding financial assistance to the family of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. I enclose herewith a State Bank of India draft No.4/286/243882 dated the 28th February 1958, for £ 224/12/2 in your favour. Kindly pay the local equivalent of this amount to Frau Schenkl (Shrimati Bose) and send us her receipt in due course.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

(K.P. Lukose)

Shri A.N. Mehta,
Charge d'Affaires a.i.,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

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April.4. 1957.

Sub: Welfare of Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose).

My dear Broughton,

Please refer to your d.o.letter
No.F.52/34/NGO of March 23,1957, on the subject cited
above. The equivalent in local currency of the cheque
for L 224/12/2 enclosed therewith amounting to
A.Sch.16,255.10 (Schillings Sixteen thousand two
hundred and fifty five and ten Groschen only) has
been realized and the amount handed over to Frau
Schenkl. The exchange voucher from the Bank and the
original receipt from Frau Schenkl are attached below.

Yours sincerely,


(V.C.Vijaya Raghavan)

Shri. I.J.Broughton,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

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Frau Schenkl erhielt heute über die Indische
Gesandtschaft eine Betrag von 16.255.10 (Österr.
Schilling sechzehntausend zweihundert und fünf und fünf-
zig und zehn Groschen) als Erziehungsbeitrag für ihre
Tochter Anita. Der Betrag stammt aus einer für Anita
Schenkl errichteten Stiftung in Indien.

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Received this day from the Charge d'Affaires of the
Legation of India, Vienna, the sum of Austrian schillings
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fifty five and ten Groschen only).

Emilie Schenkl
(Emilie Schenkl)

Vienna.
April.4.1957.



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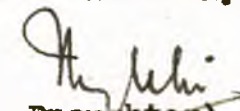
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Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,


(I.J. Broughton)

Shri V.C. Vijaya Raghavan,
First Secretary,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

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December 27, 1956

Sub: Welfare of Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose)

My dear Broughton,

Please refer to your d.o letter No. F.52/34/NGO of December 12, 1956, on the subject cited above. The local equivalent of the cheque for B 224/12/2 enclosed therewith amounting to A.Sch 16,233.70 has been realized and the amount handed over to Frau Schenkl. The exchange voucher from the Bank and the original receipt from Frau Schenkl are attached herewith.

Yours sincerely,

(V.C.Vijaya Raghavan)

Shri I.J. Broughton,
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi, India.

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Received this day from the Charge d'Affaires of the
Legation of India, Vienna, the sum of Austrian Schillings 16,233.70
(A.Schillings sixteen thousand two hundred and thirty three and
seventy groschens only).

Emilie Schenkl

(Emilie Schenkl)

Vienna,

Dec. 27=12-1956

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No.F.52/34/NGO.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI.

December 12, 1956.

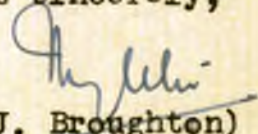
My dear Vijaya Raghavan,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with my d.o. letter of even number dated the 6th November, 1956, regarding financial assistance to the family of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. I enclose herewith a State Bank of India draft No.2/849/243448 dated the 6th December, 1956, for £224/12/2 in your favour. Kindly pay the local equivalent of this amount to Frau Schenkl (Shrimati Bose) and send us her receipt in due course.

3. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,


(I.J. Broughton)

Shri V.C. Vijaya Raghavan,
First Secretary,
Legation of India,
Vienna.



Sy No. 161/56 d/ 21-11-56 ~~SECRET~~

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI.

No.F.52/34/NGO

November 6, 1956.

My dear Vijaya Raghavan,

Will you please refer to your letter
No.Con/8/1 dated the 25th October, 1956, to A.S.
Mehta, regarding financial assistance to the family
of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose?

The matter is receiving attention. I shall
write to you again on hearing from the All India
Congress Committee.

Yours sincerely,


(I.J. Broughton)

Shri V.C. Vijaya Raghavan,
First Secretary,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

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No.Con/8/1

October 25, 1956.

Sub: Welfare of Frau Schenkel
(Mrs. Bose).

My dear

Please refer to the correspondence resting with your d.o. letter No.F.52/34/NGO of May 23, 1956, on the subject cited above. Frau Schenkel has recently been asked to vacate her house as the property has moved into the hands of new owners. Apparently, after considerable difficulty, she has located a suitable property for outright purchase. As she is short of funds, she has discreetly enquired whether there is any likelihood of her receiving at an early date the usual draft from the All India Congress Committee. Could you please help her?

Yours sincerely,

(V.C. Vijaya Raghavan)

A.S. Mehta, Esq.,
Deputy Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi.

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July 3, 1956

My dear Kaul,

Thank you for your d.o note No. 4648.JS(L) of June 21, 1956. The enclosed communication to Mrs. Subhas Bose has been handed over.

Yours sincerely,

(V.C.Vijaya Raghavan)

Shri T.N. Kaul,
Joint Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi, India.



No. 4648 JS(E)

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
NEW DELHI.

BY diplomatic bag
IMMEDIATE

21st June 1956

My dear Vijaya Raghavan,

I enclose a letter for Mrs. Bose, wife of
Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, which you may kindly
hand over to her personally. A copy of the letter
is enclosed for your information.

Yours sincerely,

(T.N. Kaul)

Shri V.C. Vijaya Raghavan,
First Secretary,
Legation of India,
17 Geyergasse,
VIENNA (Austria)

Enc:





No. 4648 JS (E)

(31) MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
NEW DELHI.

21st June 1956.

Dear Mrs. Bose,

I am desired to inform you that the Government of India have set up a Committee consisting of Shri Shah Nawaz Khan, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Railways & Transport, as Chairman, and Shri Suresh Chandra Bose (brother of Shri Subhas Chandra Bose) and Shri S.N. Maitra, I.C.S. as Members, to enquire into and report to the Government of India on the circumstances concerning the departure of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose from Bangkok about the 16th August 1945, his alleged death as a result of an aircraft accident and subsequent developments connected therewith. The Committee has examined a number of witnesses in India, Saigon, Bangkok and Tokyo and has recently returned to India. They are expected to conclude their findings by the middle of next month.

We hope you and your daughter are in good health.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

(T.N. Kaul)
Joint Secretary

Mrs. Bose,
C/o Legation of India,
Vienna.

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June 5, 1956

Sub: Welfare of Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose)

My dear

Please refer to your letter No. F.52/34/NGO of May 23, 1956, on the subject cited above. The value of the cheque enclosed therewith amounting to A.Schillings 16,236.20 has been collected and the amount handed over to Frau Schenkl. The exchange voucher from the Bank and the original receipt from Frau Schenkl are attached herewith.

Yours sincerely,

(V.C.Vijaya Raghavan)

Encl.

Shri A.S. Mehta,
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi, India.

Copy for information to: Dr. M.S. Mehta,
Ambassador of India,
Embassy of India, Berne.

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16.233.70

Frau Emilie Schenkl erhielt heute über die Indische Gesandtschaft einen Betrag von 16.236.20 O. (sechzehntausend zweihundertsechunddressig O. Schilling, ~~Groschen~~) als Erziehungsbeitrag für ihre Tochter Anita. Der Betrag stammt aus einer für Anita Schenkl errichteten Stiftung in Indien.

Wien, 5. Juni. 1956

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Received this day from the Charge d'Affaires of
the Legation of India, Vienna, the sum of Austrian
Schillings 16,236,20 (A.Schillings sixteen thousand two
hundred and thirty ^{three} ~~six~~ ^{twenty} Groschen only).

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Vienna, June 5. 1956

Emilie Schenk
(Emilie Schenk)

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Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

No.F.52/34/NGO.

May 23 1956.

My dear Vijaya Raghavan,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with your d.o. letter No.Con/8(1) dated the 9th September, 1955, regarding financial assistance to the family of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. I enclose herewith a State Bank of India draft No. D 91423 dated the 17th May, 1956, for £224-12-2 in your favour. Kindly pay the local equivalent of this amount to Frau Schenk1 (Shrimati Bose) and send us her receipt in due course.

3. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

A.S. Mehta
(A.S. Mehta)

Shri V.C. Vijaya Raghavan,
First Secretary,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

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Vienna

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September 9, 1955

Sub: Welfare of Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose)

My dear

Please refer to the correspondence resting with your d.o letter No. F.52/34/NGO of March 30, 1955 on the subject cited above. The value of the cheque enclosed therewith amounting to Austrian Schillings 16,236.60 has been collected and the amount handed over to Frau Schenkl. The exchange voucher from the Bank and the original receipt from Frau Schenkl are attached herewith.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.

(V.C.Vijaya Raghavan)

Shri A.S. Mehta,
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Copy, without enclosures, forwarded for information to:

H.E.Dr. M.S. Mehta, Ambassador of
India, Berne

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Received this day from the Charge d'Affaires
of the Legation of India, Vienna, the sum of Austrian
Schillings 16,236.²⁰60 (A.Sch sixteen thousand two hundred
and thrity six and ~~sixty~~ ^{two} Groschen only).

Vienna September 9, 1955

June 5, 56

(Emilie Schenk)

Emilie Schenk

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Frau Emilie Schenkl erhielt heute über die Indische
Gesandtschaft in Wien die Summe von O.Sch 16.236.60 (sechzehn
tausend zweihundert und sechsundreissig Schillinge und
sechzig Groschen) als Erziehungsbeitrag für ihre Tochter
Anita. Der Betrag stammt aus einer für Anita Schenkl er-
richteten Stiftung in Indien.

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Wien September 9. 1955



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D.O.
No.F.52/34/NGO

~~SECRET~~
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi
Dated the 23rd August, 1955.

Subject:- Financial assistance to the family to late
Shri Subash Chandra Bose.

My dear Vijayaraghavan,

Please refer to the correspondence resting
with your d.o. letter No.Con/8(1) dated the 15th
April 1955.

I enclose herewith a State Bank of India
draft for ₹224-12-2 (draft No.243308 dated the 18th
August 1955) in your favour. Kindly pay the local
equivalent of this amount to Frau Schenk1 (Mrs.Bose)
and send us her receipt in due course.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

A.S. Mehta
(A.S. Mehta)

Shri V.C. Vijayaraghavan,
First Secretary,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

Legation of India
Vienna

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L.O.Con/8(1)

April 15, 1955

Sub: Welfare of Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose)

My dear

Please refer to the correspondence resting with your d.o letter No. F.52/34/NGO of March 30, 1955 on the subject cited above. The value of the cheque enclosed therewith amounting to 16,236.20 Austrian Schillings has been collected and the amount handed over to Frau Schenkl. The exchange voucher from the Bank and the original receipt from Frau Schenkl are attached herewith.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.

(V.C.Vijaya Raghavan)

Shri A.S. Mehta,
Deputy Secretary to the
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Copy, without enclosures, forwarded for information to:

Shri A.M. Safrani,
Charge d'Affaires,
Embassy of India,
Berne.

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Received this day from the Charge d'Affaires of the Legation of India, Vienna, the sum of Austrian Schillings 16,236.20 (sixteen thousand two hundred and thirty six schillings and twenty Groschen only).

Vienna. 14th April, 1955

E.S.
(EMILIE SCHUNKL)

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Frau Emilie Schenkl erhielt heute über die Indische
Gesandtschaft, Wien die Summe von O.Sch 16,236.20 als Er-
ziehungsbeitrag für Ihre Tochter Anita. Der Betrag stammt
aus einer für Anita Schenk errichteten Stiftung in Indien.

Wien 14. April, 1955

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D.O.No.F.52/34/NGO

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Ministry of External Affairs.
New Delhi
Dated the 30th March, 1955

Subject:- Welfare of Frau Schenk1 (Mrs. Bose)

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My dear Vijayaraghavan,

Please refer to our letter of even number dated the 3rd August 1954 and G.T.Chatterjee's letter No.Corr/8(1) dated the 19th August 1954 on the above subject.

2. I am desired to enclose herewith an Imperial Bank of India draft for £224-12-2 (draft No.E 49298 dated the 24th March, 1955) in your favour and to request that the value thereof may be collected and paid to Frau Schenk1 (Mrs.Bose) in cash. You will no doubt obtain a receipt and forward it to us here in due course. The money has been received from the All India Congress Committee and should be kept out of the official account.

3. I am sending a copy of this letter to our Embassy in Berne.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

A.S.Mehta
(A.S.Mehta) 7/3/55

Shri V.C.Vijayaraghavan,
Charge d' Affaires,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

Copy to Shri A.H. Safrani, Embassy of India,
Berne, for information.

Secret.

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x

August 19, 1954.

To

The Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India (Shri
Devi Diyal),

Ministry of External Affairs,

NEW DELHI. (INDIA).

Subject:- Welfare of Frau Schenkl - Mrs. Bose.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.F.52/34/HOO-54,
dated the 3rd August, 1954 on the subject noted above,
I am directed to forward herewith the receipt for the
amount paid in cash to Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose).

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

(Encl.1)

Yours faithfully,

O/c
(G.T.Chatterji)
Assistant Registrar.

Copy forwarded for information to the First Secret-
ary, Embassy of India, Berne with reference to his
letter No.F.2-Pol(Aus)/52, dated the 12th August,
1954.

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Received today from Mr. C. T. Chatterji, Assistant Registrar,
Legation of India, Vienna, the sum of Austrian Schillings
16,236.20 (sixteen thousand two hundred and thirty-six
Schillings and twenty Groschens only).

Wie, die Summe von 16,236.20 als Erziehungsbeitrag für ihre Tochter Anna.
Der Betrag steht aus einer für Anita Schmidt errichteten Stiftung in Indien.

O/c
O/c

19.8.54.

Guilie Henkel
19.8.54.

CREDITANSTALT-BANKVEREIN



Nr. 06550

Wien, 16.8.1954
I, Schottengasse 6

Nota für Herrn Gobinda Tosh Chatterji, Ind. Gesandtschaft Wien
(Name und Anschrift)

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Legitimation:

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
NEW DELHI,

the 3rd August, 1954.

D.O.No.D.2211-NGO/54.

My dear Chatterjee,

This is to acknowledge the receipt
of Shri Ramaswamy's letter No.Con/8(1),
dated the 24th June, 1954 addressed to Shri
Prem Krishen regarding welfare of Frau Schenk
(Mrs. Bose).

Yours sincerely,

Dev Diyal

(Devi Diyal)

Dy.No.158
Dt. 16.8.54

Shri G.T. Chatterjee,
Legation of India,
Vienna (Austria)

(56) (48) ~~SECRET~~

No.F.52/34/NGO-54.
Government of India.
Ministry of External Affairs.

Dated New Delhi, the 3rd August, 1954.

To

The Vice Consul (Shri G.T. Chatterjee),
Legation of India,
Vienna (Austria).

Subject:- Welfare of Frau Schenkl - Mrs. Bose.

Sir,

In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 29/31st May, 1954, I am directed to enclose herewith an Imperial Bank of India Draft for £224-12-2 in your favour and to request that the value thereof may be collected and the amount paid to Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose) in cash. You will no doubt obtain a receipt and forward it to us here in due course. The money has been received from the All India Congress Committee and should be kept out of the official accounts. I am sending a copy of this letter to our Ambassador in Berne.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Dy. No. 159
Dt. 16.8.54

D. Diyal

(Devi Diyal)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

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No.F.2-Pol(Aus)/52.

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EMBASSY
LEGATION OF INDIA
BERNE

12th August, 1954.

My dear Mr. Chatterji,

Please refer to your letter Con/8(1) dated the 9th August 1954. Mr. Devi Diyal's letter No.F.52/34/NGO/54, dated the 3rd August 1954, was not received by you previously because it had come only recently. It is being sent to you separately with today's bag. As mentioned to you, you may kindly pay the amount to Miss Schenkl and obtain her receipt. The file on the subject is not with you.

Yours sincerely,

A.H. Safrani

(A.H. Safrani)

Dy. NO. 157
Dt. 16.8.54

Mr. G.T. Chatterji,
Assistant Registrar,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

BY AIRMAIL
EXPRESS DELIVERY

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Con/8(1)

9th August, 1954

Dear Sir,

With reference to our telephone conversation on Saturday, the 7th instant, I have to inform you that Mr.Devi Diyal's letter No.F.52/34/NGO/54, dated 3.8.1954 has not been received here through the Berne Diplomatic Pouch and Bag, each bearing No.32/Vienna/54 dated 5.8.54 which were delivered to us on the 27th instant. Nor was the letter, in question, enlisted in the respective Way Bills of the Pouch and the Bag. Will you, therefore, kindly have an enquiry instituted at your end and inform me of the result ?

Yours sincerely,

G.T. Chatterji

(G.T.Chatterji)
Assistant Registrar

A.H.Safrani, Esq., I.F.S.,
First Secretary,
Embassy of India
B e r n e

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Mr. Safrani, First Secretary, Embassy of India, Berne telephoned today, the 7th August 1954 at 12-45 P.M. and said that he sent by Bag Mr. Devi Diyal's letter No. F.52/34/NGO/54, dated the 3rd August, 1954, enclosing an D.B.I. Draft for £224. 12. 2 for Mrs. Schenk1. It has to be cashed and the money received in Austrian Schillings to be handed over to Mrs. Schenk1 and a receipt should be obtained from her. This should be carefully preserved in a file and a copy of the receipt sent to New Delhi under intimation to Berne.

G.T. Chatterji
(G.T. Chatterji)

Assistant Registrar.

As the letter in question was not received through the Berne Diplomatic Bag and Pouch, dated the 5th August, 1954 (delivered to us on 7.8.54) and as the letter was also not enlisted in the respective Way Bills, an Air Mail letter (Express Delivery) may be sent to Mr. Safrani.

G.T. Chatterji
(G.T. Chatterji)

Assistant Registrar.

Mr. Bose.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


(K.V. Ramaswamy)

M.K. Narayanan, Esq.,
Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi, India

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27th July, 1952

My dear Narayanan,

I am writing to acknowledge your D.O. No. F.52/34/10-50 dated the 16th July, 1952 regarding remittances by Mr. Aniya Nath Bose. I know Franklein Emilie Schenk and all the circumstances in this case. When remittances are received they will be kept outside our official accounts and the amount in A.Sch will be transmitted forthwith to this lady, as desired. Till now no remittances have been received from

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

सत्यमेव जयते

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
NEW DELHI.the 16th July, 1952.

My dear Ramaswamy,

Shri Amiya Nath Bose, a nephew of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose, wishes to remit small sums of money to the latter's widow in Vienna. It has been arranged that Shri Bose will remit the money to you direct for disbursement to the lady in Austrian currency. All the transactions in the matter should be kept entirely outside the official accounts. The Finance Ministry have asked the Reserve Bank here to approve any application made by Shri Bose for reasonable remittances to you for the purpose. The address in Vienna of the lady is given below.

Fraulein Emilie Schenkl,
Ferrogasse 24,
Vienna XVIII/110,
Austria.

Yours sincerely,

(M.K. Narayanan)

Shri K.V. Ramaswamy,
Vice Consul,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

Con. No.

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5th July, 1954

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Further to my letter No Con/8(1) dated the 14th June, 1954 where I reported that out of the sum received from the Prime Minister for Mrs. Schenk there was a balance of A.Sch 12/50 with me. Since that I have purchased and presented a roll of films to Anita for this value. Consequently all the sums received by me for her have been fully spent.

I shall be grateful if you will kindly communicate this information to Mr. Prem Krishen who, I find, is dealing with this matter at the Ministry of External Affairs.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(K.V.Ramaswamy)

Sri Y.D. Gundevia, ICS
Ambassador of India
Embassy of India
Berne

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5th July, 1954

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Further to my letter No Con/8(1) dated the 14th June, 1954 where I reported that out of the sum received from the Prime Minister for Mrs. Schenkl there was a balance of A.Sch 12/50 with me. Since that I have purchased and presented a roll of films to Anita for this value. Consequently all the sums received by me for her have been fully spent.

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With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,



(K.V. Ramaswamy)

Sri Y.D. Gundevia, ICS
Ambassador of India
Embassy of India
Berne

Legation of India
Vienna

Con/8(1)
SECRET

24th June, 1954

Sub: Welfare of Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose)

Dear

Kindly refer to your D.O. F.52/34/NGO-50 dated the 31st May with which you forwarded a draft for L 224-12-2 for payment to Frau Schenkl. The Draft was duly cashed and paid to Frau Schenkl, as desired, on the 14th June, 1954. The Bank slip and receipt from Frau Schenkl in original are forwarded herewith. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,



(K.V. Ramaswamy)

Sri Prem Krishen, ICS
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India
Ministry of External Affairs
New Delhi.

cc for information to: Sri Y.D. Gundevia, ICS
Ambassador of India
Embassy of India
Berne

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Received from Dr. K.V. Ramaswamy the sum of
£ 224/12/2 (equivalent in Schillings ~~16,302.07~~ ^{16,236.55} ^{20.8}) being
the sum received from the All India Congress Committee
forwarded through the Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

Vienna 14th June, 1954

(Mrs. E. Schenk)

Emilie Schenk

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14th June, 1954

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

With my letter No. Con/8(1) dated the 23rd February, 1954 I gave an account of the expenses incurred for Frau Schenk. The cash balance as on that date was A.Sch. 5461.77. Since then a sum of A.Sch 62.50 was spent on a present to Anita for Easter (Easter eggs etc). A sum of A.Sch 3890.50 was incurred in connection with the "Firmung" ceremony on which occasion a camera and dress materials were presented to Anita. A cheque for A.Sch 1,500.- was handed over to Frau Schenk for meeting certain expenses in connection with that ceremony. All these expenses were made at her suggestion. A statement of accounts showing a balance of A. Sch 12.50 as on date is attached herewith. This sum of A.Sch 12.50 will be spent on buying Anita a roll of films for her camera, thereby exhausting the remittances received by us from the Prime Minister before the conclusion of the Trust Deed.

I have just received from Mr. Prem Krishan a draft for L 224/12/2, which in Schillings amounts to 16,302.07 and propose to hand over this sum to her today against a receipt which will have to be sent to the Ministry of External Affairs. A copy of the receipt will be retained in this office. In future all remittances received, will be handed over to her as and when received, against receipts.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,


(K.V. Ramaswamy)

Encl.

Sri Y.D. Gundevis, ICS
Ambassador of India
Embassy of India
Berne

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| RECEIPTS | | EXPENSES | | A.SCH |
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| 16.2.54 | Cash balance brought forward | 5,461.77 | 24.4. Easter present for Anita (Easter eggs etc) | 62.50 |
| | Interest | 3.73 | 8.6. For "Firmung" of Anita | |
| | | | Super Ikonta Camera with bag film etc | 2126.50 |
| | | | Summer clothing material from Messrs. Hertz-mansky | 1657.- |
| | | | Cheque No. 015820 on Lnderbank to Frau Schenkl for "Firmung" expenses | 1500/- |
| | | | 14.6 Films colour & ordinary | 107/- |
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| | | 5,465.50 | | 5,453.00 |
| | less expenses | 5,453.00 | | |
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| | Cash balance as on 14.6.54 | 12.50 | | |

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14th June, 1954

Dear Mrs. Schenkl,

Further to my letter of the 8th June, 1954 I am sending herewith a sum of A. Sch 16.302.07 (equivalent of £ 224/12/2) which was received in my favour for payment to you in cash. This sum has been received from the All India Congress Committee and remitted by the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,


(Dr. K. V. Ramaswamy)

Mrs. E. Schenkl,
Wien XVIII
Ferrogasse 24

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Con/8(1)

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14th June, 1954

Dear Mrs. Schenkl,

Further to my letter of the 8th June, 1954 I am sending herewith a sum of A. Sch 16,302.07 (equivalent of B 224/12/2) which was received in my favour for payment to you in cash. This sum has been received from the All India Congress Committee and remitted by the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

(Dr.K.V.Ramaswamy)

Mrs. E. Schenkl,
Wien XVIII
Ferrogasse 24



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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
NEW DELHI,The 31st May, 1954.Subject:- Welfare of Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose).

My dear Ramaswamy,

Will you please refer to the correspondence resting with your letter No.CON/S(1) dated the 6th November 1952 to H. Dayal on the above subject?

2. I am desired to enclose herewith an Imperial Bank of India Draft for £224-12-2 in your favour and to request that the value thereof may be collected and the amount paid to Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose) in cash. You will no doubt obtain a receipt and forward it to us here in due course. The money has been received from the All India Congress Committee and should be kept out of the official accounts. I am sending a copy of this letter to our Ambassador in Berne.

Yours sincerely,


(Prem Krishen)

Shri K.V. Ramaswamy,
Legation of India,
VIENNA (Austria).

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8th June, 1954

Dear Mrs. Schenkl.

With reference to the discussions during the visit of the Ambassador in February, a copy of the Trust Deed signed by the Prime Minister Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru and Dr. B.C. Roy dated the 23rd May, 1954 is forwarded herewith for your information. You will be hearing further in the matter at an early date.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely.

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(Dr.K.V.Ramaswamy)
Attache

Encl.

Mrs. Emilie Schenkl
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Embassy of India
~~BRUNNENDEUTSCHEN~~

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BERNE

May 31, 1954.

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My dear Ramaswamy,

Will you please refer to correspondence resting with my letter No.F.2-Pol(Aus)/53, dated January 19, 1954? The trust deed in question has been finalised by the Prime Minister and Dr.B.C.Roy and I have been requested to convey a copy of the same to Frau Schenkl. I am enclosing two copies of the deed herewith, one of which may be handed over to the lady and the other retained on your Legation file.

Yours sincerely,


(Y.D.Gundevia)

Dr.K.V.Ramaswamy,
Vice Consul & Attache,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

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We, (1) Jawaharlal Nehru, son of Motilal Nehru deceased, of Allahabad now residing in New Delhi; (2) Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, son of Prakash Chandra Roy deceased, of No.36, Wellington Street, in the town of Calcutta, do hereby declare as follows:-

W H E R E A S a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs) only has been set apart by the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress out of the I.N.A. Fund lying with the All India Congress Committee for the benefit of Anita Bose daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

AND WHEREAS the said amount is now being held by us for the uses and purposes for which the said amount has been set apart by the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress;

WE DO HEREBY MAKE THIS DECLARATION OF TRUST that we shall hold the said sum of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs) upon trust to invest it in any manner authorised by law for the investment of trust funds and to hold such investments (hereinafter referred to as the "Trust Fund") upon the trusts hereinafter declared, namely:-

- (1) that we shall pay and make over the income of the Trust Fund to Frau Schenkl wife of the said Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, or in the event of her death to such person as we may think proper, for the maintenance, education and advancement of the said Anita Bose until the said Anita Bose attains the age of 21 years, and
- (2) that upon the said Anita Bose attaining the age of 21 years, we shall transfer the Trust Fund to her, provided that if she dies before attaining the said age we shall transfer the Trust Fund to Frau Schenkl if she is then alive, and if she is not alive, we shall transfer the Trust Fund to the Indian National Congress.

We do further declare that should any of us die or become incapable of acting in the trust or be desirous of retiring from the trust the other of ourselves with the concurrence of the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress appoint a new trustee in the place and stead of the trustee dying or becoming incapable or retiring and thereupon the Trust Fund shall vest in the new trustees jointly with the other trustees without any deed of appointment of new trustee being required to be executed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have signed this Declaration of Trust this twenty third day of May one thousand nine hundred and fifty four.

Signed by Jawaharlal Nehru
in the presence of:
Kailas Nath Katju
R.A. Kidwai

Jawaharlal Nehru.

Signed by Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy in the presence of:
Kailas Nath Katju
R.A. Kidwai.

Bidhan Chandra
Roy.

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23rd February.

Dear Mr. Ambassador.

May I refer to your letter dated the 20th February regarding Fr. Schenkl and forward herewith, as instructed, the "secret" file on Frau Schenkl and the subfile containing correspondence with the Bose family?

2. As I mentioned in my note submitted to you in August 1953 in St. Gilgen, two remittances have been received so far from the Prime Minister, as follows:-

(1) A sum of £ 127/19/1 (Sch 9,245.-)
received in August and cashed
in November, 1950.

& (2) A sum of £ 99/15/10 (Sch 7,236.-)
received in October, 1952 and
cashed in November, 1952.

An extract of the accounts relating to these remittances is attached herewith. Supporting vouchers, instructions etc relating to the expenditure are with me in the safe.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

(K.V. Ramaswamy)

Y.D. Gundevia, Esq., ICS
Ambassador of India
Embassy of India
Berne.

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EXTRACT OF ACCOUNTS RELATING TO

Mrs. E. Schenk1

1950

| <u>Receipts</u> | | | <u>Expenditure</u> | |
|-----------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|--|
| Date | From whom received: | A.Sch | date: | A.Sch |
| 16.11. | Recd. from P.M. L 127/19/1 | 9,245.83 | 1.8. | Cash to Mrs. Schenk1 600.- |
| 9.12. | Refunded by Frau Schenk1) | 1,800.- | 1.9. | " 600.- |
| | | | 1.10. | " 600.- |
| | | 11,045.83 | 23.11. | Anita's birth-day presents - one dress 720.- |
| | | | | Birthday cake & chokolades 92.- |
| | | | 23.12. | Christmas presents to Mrs. Schenk1 & family - foodstuffs, coffee, sugar, tea, wines & drinks, cigarettes) 824.- |
| | | | 26.12. | Frau Schenk1's birth-day - flowers, drinks 60. 205.63 |
| | | | | 3,701.63 |
| | | | | 7,344.20 |
| | | | | 11,045.83 |

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| bf | 7,344.20 | 12. 3. | Frau Schenk1's visit to Berne for discussions with Minister ticket for sleeper paid to Cooks. 489.- |
| | | | Foreign exchange & other expenses paid to Frau Schenk1 cheque 1,000.- |
| | | 10. 4. | Lipton Tea 62.- |
| | | 12. 4. | Paid for Easter presents 283.53 |
| | | 4. 6. | Tea 62.- |

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Receipts
Expenditure

| Date: | A.Sch |
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| B.F. | 7.344.20 |
| interest | 25.- |
| | <u>7.369.20</u> |

| Date | | A.Sc. |
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| 16.11. | Indian Brookbond Tea 1ba 6/- | 240.- |
| 23.11. | Anita's Birthday 1 pullover (Brief-taube Kindermoden) | 210.- |
| | Cakes | 61.- |
| | Sweets | 31.- |
| 23.12. | Christmas presents foodstuffs | 799.33 |
| | Brookbond Tea (31ba) | 120.- |
| | Drinks | 265.92 |
| 26.12. | Mrs. Schenkl's Birthday - flowers | 50.- |
| | Drinks | 82.- |
| | | <u>3.755.78</u> |
| | | <u>3.613.42</u> |
| | | <u>7.369.20</u> |

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| 1.1. | bf | 3.613.42 |
| 3.11. | Remittance from P.M. L 99.15.10 | 7.236.- |
| | | <u>10.849.42</u> |
| | less spent in 1952 | 2.120.- |
| | | <u>8.729.42</u> |

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| 1. 1. | New Years presents flowers & sweets | 60.- |
| 12. 3. | Lipton Tea | 60.- |
| 9. 6. | Cigarettes (Cafe Bastel) | 80.- |
| 4.10. | Indian Tea (Tosh) | 65.- |
| 10.10. | English cigarettes (Hotel Sacher) | 110.- |
| 22.11. | Anita's birthday gold trinkets - bought by Ambassador | 120.- |
| | cakes | 65.- |
| | chocolates & sweets | 28.- |
| 6.12. | St. Niclaus Day Krampus chocolate | 32.- |
| 23.12. | Christmas presents foodstuffs | 418.- |
| | drinks | 142.- |
| | cigarettes | 40.- |
| | dress material | 740.- |
| 26.12. | Frau Schenkl's birthday flowers, | 50.- |
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| 12. 3. | Lipton Tea | 60.- |
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Embassy of India,
~~LEGATION OF INDIA~~

BERNE

February 20, 1954.

My dear Ramaswamy,

I have seen the old "recorded" file in the Embassy chancery regarding Frau Schenkl. There is considerable correspondence here upto the death of the late Minister Desai, but very little after May, 1951. On the monetary side, particularly, there is some correspondence showing that in 1950 you were sent £127-19-0 and subsequently in October, 1952, perhaps, another £100. Quite apart from the monetary side, of course, I would like this file in the Embassy chancery to be complete. I have thought over this again and, contrary to what I had told you, I think the best way out for you is to send your whole file here by bag. I shall have some of the important letters copied out and then the file will be returned to you. You need have no fears that the papers will be lost or misplaced. The file may be addressed to me by name.

Yours sincerely,

(Y.D.Gundevia)

Dr.K.V.Ramaswamy,
Legation of India,
Spitzergasse 2,
Vienna.



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Embassy of India,
~~LEGATION OF INDIA~~
BERNE
January 19, 1954.

My dear Ramaswamy,

Many thanks for your letter No.
Con/8(1), dated January 17, enclosing copies
of the correspondence between Shri B.C.Roy
and Mrs.Schenkl regarding the Trust for
the late Subhas Chandra Bose's daughter.

Yours sincerely,

(Y.D.Gundevia)

Dr. K.V.Ramaswamy,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

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17th January, 1954

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

You have no doubt seen the press cutting about the allocation of a sum of Rs 2 lakhs from the INA Funds lying with the AICC in favour of the daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. For ready reference I am attaching the cutting.

On the basis of this resolution of the Congress Working Committee Dr. B.C. Roy wrote a letter dated the 17th December, 1953 to Mrs. Schenk. A copy of this letter and her reply to Dr. B.C. Roy both of which she showed to me, is attached herewith for your information. As the Prime Minister might be personally interested in this correspondence I am attaching an additional copy so that, if you consider it advisable or necessary, this may be forwarded to him. I shall keep you informed of any further developments in the matter.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encl.

(K.V. Ramaswamy)

Y.D. Gundevia, Esq.,
Ambassador of India
Embassy of India
Berne

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D.O No 717 Con

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The Working Committee of the Congress have delegated to Pandit Nehru and myself the task of making arrangements for this Trust. I would therefore like you to let us know about the following points:-

1. With whom do you think the Trust should be created, that is to say, who would be the Trustees.
2. We should like you to be one of the Trustees or any other person whom you nominate

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I am sorry this is more or less a business letter but we are really keen on making some provision for the child and I am glad that the Working Committee have decided to create a Trust.

Kindly let me know what you think of it.

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B.C.Roy

Madam Subhas Chandra Bose
c/o The Indian Legation
Vienna

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Emilie Schenk1

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January, 17th 1954

Your Excellency,

May I thank you for your letter of the 17th December, 1953, regarding the Trust, which the Working Committee have decided to set up for my daughter. I have thought over the matter very carefully and decided to agree to be one of the Trustees.

As regards the alternatives mentioned by Your Excellency, could you kindly send me the different drafts of the Trust Deed, at your convenience? I am not fully aware of the details and would like to understand the position clearly. I shall also be grateful if you will kindly let me know who is the "Official Trustee", what are his powers and the circumstances under which the amount will be fully transferred to my daughter, when she attains majority.

I take this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency my very best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

sd Emilie Schenk1

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The Hindu 18th December, 1953

The Hindu Weekly Review

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21st December, 1953

FUNDS FOR NETAJI BOSE'S DAUGHTER
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Calcutta Dec., 16

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4th Dec, 1953

Hindustan Times

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Financial Assistance To Netaji's Wife

Prime Minister's Reply In States Council

NEW DELHI, DEC. 3.—Financial assistance given to the widow of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was subject of an interpellation in the Council of States today. The question was raised by M. Valiulla, a Congress member from Mysore.

Prime Minister Nehru said that Sm. Bose and their daughter were at Vienna. No regular financial assistance had been given by the Government of India. Assistance had, however, been given from private sources occasionally. The lady was not willing to receive any regular financial assistance.

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Hindustan Times dt. 4.12.1953.

Questions in Parliament.

In the Council of States.

BY 21 DEC 1953.
AID TO MRS BOSE: No regular financial assistance had been given to the widow of the late Mr Subhas Chandra Bose and his daughter at Vienna. Mr Nehru told Mr Vallulla. Assistance had, however, been given from private sources occasionally. Mrs Bose was not willing to receive any regular financial assistance.

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CHIEF MINISTER
GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL

CALCUTTA
17th December, 1953

Bo. no. 716-CM

My dear *Ramaswamy*

I am enclosing herewith a letter addressed to Madam Subhas Chandra Bose which I hope you will make over to her at your earliest opportunity. Probably you will get a similar letter from the Prime Minister.

I hope you are all right.

Yours sincerely,

B. C. Roy

Shri K.V. Ramaswamy
Consul for India
69, Sternwartestrasse
VIENNA

Sent by messenger today

Co. No. 241453

Recd. letter to

Dr. B. Roy.

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Madam Subhas Chandra Bose
c/o The Indian Legation
Vienna

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NOTE SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTER

Sub: Frau Emilie SCHENKL and her daughter Anita

What I knew before my posting in Vienna

1. I came to know about Frau Schenkl and her daughter in 1948 while I was with the Indian Military Mission in Berlin. Major Warren, who was at that time dealing with the Indian nationals in Germany and Austria and had a file which contained statements by most of the Indians who remained in Germany during the war. In some of the statements I found references about Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose and his activities. There was also a statement by Frau Schenkl about her having worked as a typist for Mr. Bose in Austria and Germany. Some time later I heard about her from Mr. Sultan and Mr. Naysk in Berlin, two Indians who worked for the Indian Legation during the war, that Mr. Bose had a child by Frau Schenkl and that the mother and daughter were living in Vienna. On a later occasion Mr. Sultan said that, if I were going to Vienna, I should meet Mrs. Bose and her daughter. I first came to Vienna in 1948 in connection with trade talks and met an Indian doctor, Dr. Madan, who informed me that Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose had his wife and daughter here. However I did not meet them at that time or when I visited Vienna again in 1949 before the Legation was established.

2. First Contacts

On my way to Vienna from Berlin I reported to the Minister, late Mr. Desai, at Berne and casually mentioned to him about Frau Schenkl. He said he knew about her from Sardar Vallabhai Patel and was anxious that we should look after both mother and daughter with special care. He directed me to be in close touch with them and help them in every way possible.

P.T.O.

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He asked me to give him my views about her and her suitability to work as a typist at the Legation. He also gave me some presents for the child - chocolates and toys, and asked me to deliver them to the child personally and report on the condition of their living, financial position etc. He also asked me to make enquiries about them discretely. I reached Vienna on the 23rd November and saw Frau Schenkl and Anita on the 26th. Later I also met Frau Fuelop-Mueller one of her friends - who incidentally, was the person, who introduced her to Mr. Bose. I met also Director Dr. Richter, a friend of Mr. Bose in Vienna, who was staying at Bad Gastein in 1937 and who knew all about Frau Schenkl and Mr. Bose.

3. Question of Marriage

When I had come to know Frau Schenkl well, we used to meet often in her house and the Legation, and she began to talk about herself. She said that she met Mr. Bose even in 1934 when he was in Vienna and worked as a typist for him off and on. In the year 1937 when he was at Bad Gastein, she also stayed with him and looked after him. They fell in love with each other and became intimate. Mr. Bose left for India early in 1938 but there was an understanding that he would come again to Europe. In 1941, when he escaped from India and came to Berlin via Afghanistan and Moscow in April 1941 Mr. Bose wrote to her and asked her to go to Berlin. She went. In September 1941 Mr. Bose and herself went and stayed at Bad Gastein when Mr. Bose first first promised to marry her. After some weeks they returned to Berlin and stayed together in Tiergartenstrasse, Mr. Bose's official residence. In April 1942 she told Mr. Bose that she was expecting a baby. They were by that time "married". As

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it was war time, there was no possibility of registering the marriage or holding a celebration. It was a quiet marriage and no one knew they were married, but Mr. Nambiar and close friends had guessed. When she was about 6 months pregnant, sometime in August 1942, she left Berlin and came to Vienna. The baby was born on the 29th November, 1942 in the I. Frauenklinik(//) but the name of the father was not noted in the register. Mr. Bose did not want it to be known, in view of the complications in his political life. However, he wrote a letter in Bengalee to his brother, asking the latter, to look after his child and his wife, in case anything happened to him. Mr. Subhas Bose particularly asked her not to send the letter unless he was dead or lost. In 1945 she heard of the plane accident to Mr. Subhas Bose, but she had no means of sending the letter to Mr. Sarat Bose. In 1947, however, she had photocopies of the letter taken, for fear of losing the original, and gave one copy to Mr. Parekh and another to Mr. Hafiz, both of whom were her friends, with the request that the letter be delivered to Mr. Sarat Bose in person. In 1948, the, both reached India; Mr. Parekh handed the letter over to Sardar Patel and Mr. Hafiz to our Prime Minister. The copy was not given to Mr. Sarat Bose. Our Prime Minister then wrote to Mr. Sarat Bose about his brother's wife and daughter, but Mr. Sarat Bose was quite annoyed and denied that his brother was ever married. But when the letter was shown mentioning "I have married her and have a daughter by my wife. Please have some affection for my wife and child when I am no more - as you have had for me throughout my life." Mr. Sarat Bose appears to have been sceptic and undertook to meet Frau Schenkl and daughter in Europe. Mr. Sarat Bose came in 1949 and the original letter was given to him. He then changed his mind and was very friendly. He asked Frau Schenkl to go to.

India and live with them, but she did not agree. From that time onwards the Bose family have been good to her and she had visits from Mr. Amiya Bose, Asabinda Bose and other members. After Mr. Sarat Bose's death, Roma his daughter and Dr. Sashis Ray, his son-in-law came and stayed in Vienna for about a year and thus the family ties have been strengthened. The family members have thus accepted her as Mr. Subhas Bose's wife and Anita as his child. I have made discreet enquiries about the marriage from Director Richter, Frau Fue-lop Mueller, Kommerzialrat Faltis and Mrs. Vetter, who were close friends of Mr. Subhas Bose and know Frau Schenkl quite well and all of them have confirmed that, though there was no formal marriage, Mr. Subhas Bose and Frau Schenkl lived together and the child was born of that association. The child bears distinctive Mongolian features of the Bengali type and I feel convinced that, in the circumstances, Anita should be treated as the daughter of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.

4. Family of Frau Emilie Schenkl: Frau Emilie Schenkl comes of a middle class family; her father died about twenty years ago, but her mother is still alive. She has no brother, but a younger sister, who is married to a mechanic in Graz. Though she is called Frau Schenkl, she was not married before she met Mr. Bose; it is usual in Austria to call any young lady over twenty five as a Frau (Mrs.) instead of Fraulein (Miss) for the sake of politeness. She has no other close relatives.

5. Her Financial Position: Soon after I had come to Vienna in January, 1950 I heard a lot about her from Director Richter of the Societie Adriatica, an Italian Insurance company, to whom I was introduced by Mr. A.C.N. Nambiar. Dr. Richter said that she had no property

and had to live on what she earned, and a very small pension which her mother got, - barely sufficient to carry on hand to mouth. He suggested that the Government of India should do something to help her for the maintenance of the child particularly as the Bose family had not done anything in regard to the acknowledgment of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose as the father of Anita. I gathered that Director Richter was speaking to me on behalf of Frau Schenkl and on her suggestion. Frau Schenkl has been working as telephone operator in the Vienna Telephone Co., and her salary in 1950 was about 700 Schillings net - at that time quite insufficient to maintain herself, her mother and the child. When I met Mr. D.B. Desai, the Minister, subsequently in Berne, I mentioned to him about her financial difficulties. He promised to write to the Prime Minister and Sardar Vallabhai Patel. In the meanwhile, he asked me to help them as far as I can. I was sending her tea, cigarettes and small packets of food-stuff, now and then, and met her several times. She was a frequent visitor to our house. In the middle of August, 1950 I received a sum of L 127-19-1 (9,245 Schillings) from the Prime Minister. Mr. Desai, who was here some time later, met Frau Schenkl. He wanted to give her the money, but she suggested that the money should be with me and that she would take it from me, as and when she required, to supplement her income. She had arranged to take from me a sum of 600 Sch per month and had, in fact already taken that sum from me even before the money came and requested me to keep the whole thing secret for fear of embarrassing Mr. Sarat Bose. Three monthly instalments were paid to her in August, September and October, 1950 and she also accepted small presents, tea, coffee, cigarettes, chocolates, toys etc. When the November instalment was ready, Mr. Anil Bose, son of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, came to Vienna. Frau Schenkl saw me in my house and was agitated over the fact that there was some publicity

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in India about the payments to her which had embarrassed the Bose family. She complained about the Prime Minister having announced the money payments to some members of Parliament. Early in December 1950, she came to me again returned the three instalments (total 1,800 Sch) and took back the receipts and confided to me why she had to return the sum. Mr. Amiya Bose had told her plainly that, if she wanted to be considered a member of the Bose family, she should accept no money from the Prime Minister. As Frau Schenkl told me then, Mr. Amiya Bose had informed her that he had information that Mr. Subhas Bose was not dead and was probably hiding and would be very annoyed if she accepted money from his political enemy, the Prime Minister. Frau Schenkl added, however, that she did not believe fully Mr. Amiya Bose, but she could not afford to offend him. She agreed to accept help from the fund, when necessary, and discreetly suggested presents on special occasions such as birth-days of Anita and herself, Christmas, Easter, New Year Day etc. which could not be misunderstood. I reported the matter to Mr. Desai, who instructed that the sum of 1,800 Schillings returned by her should be used to buy a present for Christmas and this was done. Subsequently, I met Mr. Desai, who was then very ill, who asked me to arrange for her to go to Berne. He told me that a sum of one lakh was available from the I.N.A fund and another lakh with Sardar Patel both of which were to be held in trust for Frau Schenkl and her daughter Anita and that Frau Schenkl should be very careful in her dealings with Mr. Amiya Bose and other members of that family. I duly conveyed this information discreetly, as our personal relations were very good and she trusted me. Early in February 1951, our Prime Minister wrote to Frau Schenkl and the letter was delivered by me in person. It contained a request to her to go to India to execute some Trust deeds etc.

As desired by the Prime Minister, she was assured that the matter was entirely private, nothing to do with the Government and that she would have no difficulty in India. All expenses were to be paid by the Prime Minister personally and she could also visit Calcutta to see the Bose family if she so desired. Frau Schenk took some time to reply. She came and consulted me several times. In the meanwhile, I felt she had written to Mr. Amiya Bose in Calcutta and also consulted Mr. Sarat Bose's son-in-law Mr. Sachis Ray. She told me that she did not show our Prime Minister's letter to any one and the matter was entirely secret. Some days later, she gave me several reasons why she should not go to India. She did not want to give up her job. She could not secure long leave at short notice. She did not want to disturb the child's study. She did not desire to leave her old mother alone. But one of the main reasons, which she did not mention, but which I guessed, was that if she went to India Mr. Subhas Bose's family would be somehow embarrassed - due to the marriage question mark - and that she was also nervous of the publicity. She wrote out a reply which was sealed and asked me to send it. I forwarded this reply to Mr. Desai in February. He telephoned me to send her to Berne as he was ill. I arranged for her visit and she went. On her return I learnt that she had reiterated her objections to go to India at that time and Mr. Desai appreciated her point. We did not, since then, pay her any money, but continued, now and then, to send presents which she accepted. She complained again, however, in May 1951 that the Prime Minister had announced the substance of his correspondence with her, and that she had not accepted his invitation, to the parliament though he had assured her that the matter was absolutely private and confidential.

In the meanwhile, Mr. Sisir Bose, brother of Mr. Amiya Bose, was in Vienna and returned to Calcutta. So

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correspondence between him and Mrs. Schenkl took place the gist of which was communicated to me by Frau Schenkl. There was a proposal to publish a second volume of Mr. Subhas Bose's "Indian Struggle" and some unpublished material which was in her possession was to be supplied by her and the full profit should belong to her. In August 1952 a sum of Rs 300/- was remitted by Mr. Aniya Bose to me with the request that this amount should be handed over to Frau Schenkl. The permit for remittance was granted by the Reserve Bank of India on the sponsorship of the Ministry of External Affairs. From that month Rs 200/- per month has been regularly received for her. The Ministry of External Affairs is aware of the remittances.

Mr. M. Raghavan, the Minister, knew of the developments. When Mr. Asaf Ali came in July 1952 I told him the whole story. I asked him as to what to do with the balance of money with us, Rs 3,800 (~~Rs~~ £52/-). He spoke to Frau Schenkl and asked me to set this money apart and buy a good Rolleiflex Camera or some gold jewel for Anita and present it to her. Later he said he would buy himself when he visited Vienna next and present it. Frau Schenkl has agreed to take the camera as she needs it.

Mr. Asaf Ali wrote to the Prime Minister on his return to Berne and Mr. Tayabji, wrote to me to buy some tea for Frau Schenkl and promised to send parcels from India, if need be. I replied saying that I had been regularly supplying her tea and suggested that no food parcels etc should be sent from India as Frau Schenkl was very touchy in the matter and her case should be handled carefully. In October 1952, I got a remittance of £ 99-15-10 from the Prime Minister out of which £ 7-7-6 had been spent in tea and cigarettes.

Thus at present Frau Schenkl is getting Rs 200/- from the Bose family in Calcutta, her profit from the

book sales, and enough funds are available to help her if she needs any monetary help. Frau Schenkl is most particular to keep good relations with the Bose family and with us.

When I was at Buergenstock, the Prime Minister asked me whether the money sent for Frau Schenkl had already been spent and whether more money was needed. I said that the last remittance had not been utilised and that Frau Schenkl was not taking money. He said he knew that she was not accepting money, but it should be given to her in presents, as occasions arose, and she must be discreetly informed that the Bose family was not well off and she could not expect much help from that quarter.

5. Frau Schenkl's General Attitude:

She is simple but very shrewd. She wants it to be clearly accepted by the Bose family that she is Mr. Subhas Bose's wife and later on to accept the sums earmarked for her and her daughter. She is sure that Mr. Subhas Bose is dead, but keeps on telling visitors that she has the feeling that he is alive. To those who ask her why she does not go to India, she replies clearly that she would go to India with Mr. Subhas Bose when he comes back. She is willing to accept help but not to acknowledge it for fear of embarrassing the Bose family at present. When I once suggested that I proposed to return the money to India as she was no longer in need, she said that I should not do so as she proposed to take help from us when the remittances from the Bose family stopped, as she believed it would, and when she was in need. If she took the money, she would spend it; it was safer with the Legation. Most of the Indian visitors go to see her, but she is embarrassed at their questions. She was annoyed at the publicity in India but meets Indian journalists friendly

to the Bose family. Mr. H.V. Kamath and other leftist leaders had seen her and had been encouraging her to believe that Mr. Subhas Bose is alive and are using her for their own propaganda in India to that effect to confuse the public.

Frau Schenk has to be handled carefully and discreetly, as she is very touchy; while not very intelligent, she is shrewd and clever and knows where her interests lie. She is devoted to the memory of Mr. Bose and has so far remained true and faithful to him. She is a woman of the world, is 43 years old at present and looks after Anita very well.

R.V. Kamath

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Frau Schenk's General Affidavit:

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(91) Grundsee, 27. VII. 1953.

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My dear Dr. Rasmussen,

I have all these days been thinking of writing to you. First of all thanks for your telegramme. On receipt I telephoned straight to Vienna and told Mr. Sukkumaran to inform you that I was very sorry not to be able to come to Vienna. My nephew, Mr. Nityan Bose arrived at Grundsee on the 19th inst. and left only yesterday, I could not have possibly gone the very day he was due to arrive and come back next day again. I hope, his Excellency understood my difficulty and did not take it as a refusal.

So, and what about your promise to come over here? I will be leaving Grundsee on Saturday next (1st of August) since I have to join on the 3rd of August again, when I think of it I feel just like jumping into

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ground see and get drowned! It is really a beauty spot -
we have made a number of excursions already and intend
to make a few more this last week here. Only today I am
taking it easy and have sent out Austin with my friends.
They want to take a long walk and I want to take a rest.

I hope your many visitors did not trouble you too
much and that you are having a bit of rest at least.

Anyhow, I have not yet given up hope that you
will keep your promise this year and come over for
2 days as promised.

How is your wife and how are children? I hope
every body is all right. Please give them my love.

Best wishes to yourself,

yours v. sincerely

Frederic Fremont

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FRAU SCHENKL

POSTERHOLUNGSHEIM GRUNDLER

VICE PRESIDENT DR RADHAKRISHNAN REQUESTS
TO SEE YOU HERE SUNDAY EVENING FOR DINNER(.)
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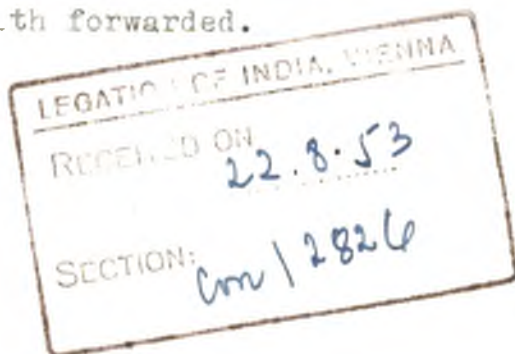
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LEGATION OF INDIA

BERNE

19 August 1953

9/27/53
Dear Dr.Ramaswamy,

Please refer to Mr.Mehta's letter of even number dated the 14 August 1953. By an oversight the enclosure to that letter was left out, and it is herewith forwarded.



Yours truly

P.B.Sarma
(P.B.Sarma)

Press Section

Dr.K.V.Ramaswamy
Legation of India
Vienna XVIII

Sent to Mr. Mehta
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18th August, 1953

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Dear Mr. Mehta,

Kindly refer to your letter No. F.19/Pub/53 dated the 14th August. Though it is stated in para 2 that you are forwarding a letter addressed to Mrs. Schenkl, this has not been received; neither has the monograph been attached.

I shall be glad if you will kindly arrange to have them sent to me as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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(K.V.Ramaswamy)

J.S. Mehta, Esq., I.F.S.
First Secretary,
Legation of India
B e r n e.



F. 19/PVRS/53

LEGATION OF INDIA
BERNE

14th August 1953.

My dear Ramaswamy,

Recently one Mr. Gurumoorthy, who is apparently the editor of some provincial magazines edited from Perundurai in Coimbatore District, wrote to the Minister sending a copy of the monograph which he had written on Nethaji Subhash Chandra Bose. He authorized the Minister, and indeed requested him, to secure its publication in the Swiss magazines to the extent possible.

A further copy of the same monograph was sent to him for despatch to Mrs. Subhash Chandra Bose by which, I presume, the reference is to Mrs. Schenkl. I am sending the letter on to you for delivery to her.

I might add that as far as Switzerland is concerned, we do not wish to attempt to secure reprinting of the monograph in the Swiss journals or papers.

With best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

J. S. Mehta

(J.S. Mehta)

Dr. K.V.Ramaswamy,
Vice-Consul,
Legation of India,
2, Spitzergasse,
Vienna - XVIII.

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Trunk Call received from 19 27
Fran Schenkl, Bad Aues at 11.A.M

She has received the telegram.
She is very sorry that she cannot
come over here to-morrow since
her nephew is arriving to-morrow
evening at 6. P.M and she
has to be there.

If Attache would like to
talk to her, she will be in
her house between 7 and
8. P.M to day, where she can
be contacted on telephone.

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FRAU SCHENKL

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Frau Schenkl
Posterholungsheim
Grundlsee

Telegram sent over the phone 8:00 hrs
18th July, 1953



TOP SECRET.

No.F.2-Pol(Aus)/53

LEGATION OF INDIA
BERNE

July 7, 1953.

My dear Ramaswamy,

You will remember that I had asked you to prepare a full and detailed note on everything that you know about Frau Schenkl — everything that you have on record, financial etc., and anything more that you might have learnt locally. The note will be treated as Top Secret. I would like you to keep this ready for me when I come to Vienna, on the 17th. If the time is too short, you may tell me so when we meet, but in that case, I shall expect it at Salzburg on August 13th.

Yours sincerely,

(Y.D. Gundevia)

Dr.K.V.Ramaswamy,
Attache and Vice Consul,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

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No.D.2273-Eur.II/53,
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,

New Delhi dated the 9 June, 1953.

Subject:- Question in the House of the People regarding
the family Shri S.C. Bose.

Dear Legation,

We enclose a copy of the Question and Answer
on the above subject together with the supplementaries,
for your information and record.

Yours ever,
Ministry of External Affairs,

The Legation of India,
BERNE.

Copy with enclosures to Legation of
India Vienna, for information.

By Order

(A.M. Mehta)
Under Secretary.

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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE.

STARRED QUESTION NO. 1961.

To be answered on the 8th May, 1953.

Family of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.

*1961 Shri L.J.Singh : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government of India are aware that Shri Subhash Chandra Bose left behind a wife named Frau Schenke and a daughter named Anita Bose in Vienna;
- (b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for extension of State Aid for the maintenance of the family;
- (c) whether Government made a proposal to bring back to India Shri Subhash Chandra Bose's wife and daughter; and
- (d) if so, the results of such proposal?

ANSWER.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU -

- (a) Yes. The lady's name is Frau Schenk.
 - (b), (c) & (d) Government are informed that the lady was invited to come to India, but she preferred to stay on in Vienna. Proposals were also made to give her financial help. Some help was occasionally given from private sources, but the lady was not willing to receive any such financial assistance regularly.
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Q No. 1961.

Shri L.J. Singh: May I know whether the Government of India were in contact with the other members of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's family in Calcutta with regard to the extension of State aid and also with regard to the bringing back to India of his wife and daughter and, if so, what are their reactions?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The Government of India's reactions or the family's reactions? Whose reactions?

Shri L.J. Singh: The reactions of the family members.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I find some difficulty in answering these questions because there are certain delicacies about them. So far as the Government of India are concerned we have known about this for the last three or four years and we have been anxious to do everything in our power to help, to invite and do everything, but not to do anything which might perhaps not be welcomed on the other side. And we drew the attention of the members of the family at the earliest moment; and they have dealt with the matter separately and directly, in so far as I know, since then.

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6th November, 1952

Sub: Welfare of Frau Schenkl
(Mrs. Bose)

Dear Mr. Dayal,

Will you kindly refer to your D.O. No. F.54/32/NGO-50, dated 7th October, 1952. The Draft forwarded with your letter has duly been cashed and kept outside the official account. This will be disbursed to Frau Schenkl in cash or in the shape of gifts under the direction of our Ambassador in Berne, as instructed.

With kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,



(K.V. Ramaswamy)

H. Dayal, Esq.,
Joint Secretary to the
Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi, INDIA

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,
NEW DELHI.the 7th October, 1952.

Subject : - Welfare of Frau Schenkl
(Mrs Bose)

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My dear Ramaswamy,

Will you please refer to the correspondence resting with your letter No.CON/8/1, dated the 6th September, to Mr. Tyabji ?

2. As desired by the Prime Minister, I send herewith a draft for £ 100/-, in your favour, on the Imperial Bank of India, London. It is the Prime Minister's wish that this amount should be kept outside the official account and disbursed to Frau Schenkl in cash or in the shape of gifts under the direction of our Minister in Berne, from whom you will receive instructions on the subject from time to time.

Yours sincerely,

(H. Dayal)

Shri K.V. Ramaswamy,
Legation of India,
Vienna,
Austria.

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23rd Sept. 1952.



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With the compliments

of

the Chancellery

Legation of India

Berne

Extract from personal letter
dated 3rd September 1952, from
His Excellency Mr. Asaf Ali to
the Hon'ble the Prime Minister
of India.

Dr. K.V. Ramaswamy,
Attaché and Vice Consul
Legation of India,
Vienna.



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Extract from letter dated 3rd September, 1952,
from Mr.Asaf Ali to the Prime Minister.

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I have thought about your suggestion regarding Mrs.Bose. Inspite of her formal and seeming reluctance I am sure she will be thankful for an occasional supplement to her income. In fact, I understand that she will be receiving Rs.300 a month from Sisir Bose through Amio Bose for three months. I think the best course to give her child something will be to make a present to her on such occasions as X'mas, Easter, and her Birthday. I can do it myself, but if you wish to send a £ 100, as you propose, I shall deposit them with our Vice-Consul in Vienna and give him necessary instructions for payments or presents from time to time.

CON/8(1)

6th September, 1952

Sub: Welfare of Mrs. Bose.

Dear Mr. Tyabji.

Would you kindly refer to your No. 1676-NGO/52, dated 16th August, 1952, which has just been received by Bag. Though tea is available in the local market, Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose) has shown a preference for good tea from India, such as Darjeeling, Brooke Bond and Lipton teas, which are not available here in the shops. It is quite easy to get supplies from London and I shall arrange to secure a few pounds and to deliver them to her as soon as possible.

2. Incidentally, I may mention that I have been supplying Frau Schenkl several pounds of tea from time to time, sometimes on her request, sometimes on my own as gift. Though she has accepted my presents of tea, as well as English cigarettes, which she likes, she is very touchy and accepts only small quantities. About two weeks ago, our Ambassador, Mr. Asaf Ali, sent her through me a packet of tea (1 lb.) from Berne, which I duly delivered to her. Therefore, I wonder whether it will be necessary for gift parcels being sent from India. I shall see that about 1 lb. of tea per month, which I understand is her requirement, is supplied to her from London. If I may say so, the question of gifts or presents to Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose) has to be handled very carefully as she reacts unfavourably to any suggestion of gifts or presents from sources not very well known to her personally.

3. In this connection, you may perhaps be interested to know that Dr. Sisir Kumar Bose, son of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, has sent me a letter, dated 21st August, copy of which is attached for your information.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(K.V. Ramaswamy)

B.F.H.B. Tyabji, Esq., I.C.S.,
Joint Secretary to the Government of India,
Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi, INDIA

~~(Not to be registered, etc.)~~

cc for info to:

The Ambassador of India,
Mr. M. Asaf Ali
c/o Legation of India,
Berne



No. 1676-NGO/SR.

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Ministry of External Affairs,
New Delhi.

16th August, 1952.

Subject: Welfare of Mrs. Bose.

My dear Ramaswamy,

Mr. Asaf Ali wrote to the Prime Minister about his recent meeting with Mrs. Bose in Vienna. He said that one of the things that Mrs. Bose was most anxious to get was the supply of tea. Is there any difficulty in getting tea in Vienna? If there is, I suppose that it is quite easy to get supplies from London. Please let me know the position, as we might want to make a gift of some tea to Mrs. Bose.

Yours sincerely,


(B.F.H.B. Tyabji)

K. V. Ramaswamy, Esq.,
Vice Consul,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

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BESTÄTIGUNG.

Es wird hiermit bestätigt, dass Frau Emilie SCHENKEL eine Tochter ANITA hat, die am 29. November 1942 geboren wurde und deren Vater ein Inder ist. Aus bestimmten Gründen will sie den Namen des Vaters des Kindes nicht nennen und es wurde berichtet, dass dieser bei einem Flugzeugunglück im Jahre 1945 ums Leben kam. Unseres Wissens nach erhält Frau Schenkel keinerlei Geldzuwendungen für die Erziehung des Kindes von der Familie des Vaters oder irgendeiner anderen Quelle in Indien.

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Spoken to H.E. on phone (112)
Arranged for Mrs. Schenkl ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ (12)

to visit Berne & return.

D/MIN-II(14)

21st February, 1951

Sub: Frau Emilie Schenkl.

Sir,

On my return from Berne, I arranged to meet Mrs. Schenkl and handed over the letter addressed to her. After reading the letter, Frau Schenkl informed me that she is very grateful for this invitation, but she must consider the matter carefully. She was herself not very well, had only recently undergone an operation and was very doubtful whether it would be possible for her to make the trip in summer. The question of starting immediately was full of difficulties. She does not want to give up her job and it is difficult to secure a long leave at short notice. Moreover, the child was in school and she did not desire to disturb the studies in the middle of the course. She has given me a reply which I forward herewith.

As you may like to forward her letter with a covering note, I attach a copy of the Prime Minister's letter to you for information. The original has been placed on the file, but if you require that to be returned, I shall do so.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

Encls.

H.E. Sri D.B. Desai
Envoy Extraordinary &
Minister Plenipotentiary
c/o Legation of India
BERNE

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Prime Minister
India

PERSONAL
New Delhi,
January 27, 1951

My dear Dhuru,

As peomised, I am sending you a letter for Frau Emilie Schenkl. I hope I have adressed the name correctly. If not, please correct it. I hope you will deliver this letter and get some kind of a reply. You can assure her that this is entirely a private matter and has nothing to do with the Government. Secondly that she will have no difficulty or trouble at all if she comes to India. She could come here by air, unless she prefers coming by sea, which might perhaps be more pleasant for her. All expenses will be paid by us. Please tell her also that we do not wish to come in the way at all of her relations with Subhas Bose's family. She will of course go to visit them, if she so chooses.

Yours affectionately,

sd Jawaharlal Nehru

Sri Dhirajlal B. Desai
c/o Legation of India
Berne
Switzerland



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No. PA-1772/50.
LEGATION OF INDIA
18, JUNGFRAUSTRASSE
BERNE

23rd October, 1950.

Dear Sjt. Ramaswamy,

Will you please refer to your
letter No. D/MIN-II(2)-CON/8(1) dated 11th
October, 1950?

I am returning herewith the original
letters from the Ministry of External Affairs,
together with a copy of the reply sent by
His Excellency.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

Soma Seta.

Sjt. K.V. Ramaswamy,
Vice-Consul,
Legation of India,
Vienna.

Secret.

D.O.No.PA-1168 /50.

19th October, 1950.

My dear Uma,

Sjt. Ramaswamy has forwarded to me letter No.D.5232-EUR.II/50 dated 30th September, 1950, addressed by the Ministry of External Affairs to our Chancery in Vienna. From the initials I gather that it was issued under your instructions.

I am sending this D.O. letter because the matter is very delicate and has got to be very carefully handled.

The Prime Minister and the Deputy Prime Minister are aware of all the facts, and I think that before you reply to the letter, it would be advisable for you to obtain instructions from them.

So far as the mother and daughter are concerned, we are giving them a certain amount of help. They are not living in affluence, but ~~now~~ are they living in penury. They are living like middle class people in Vienna live. We are in constant touch with them and we look after them. Whenever I go there, I always meet them and ^{also} take them out, and do all that is possible. You ofcourse know that our relations with Netaji were such, that I would do my utmost to look after them.

With best regards,

Yours very sincerely,

sgd. D B. Desai.

Sjt. U.S. Bajpai,
Under Secretary,
Ministry of External Affairs,
Government of India,
New Delhi.



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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS.

NEW DELHI, THE 30 SEPTEMBER, 1950

No.D.5232-EUR.II/50.

Subject :- Request for information regarding the whereabouts of the wife and daughter of the late Shri Subash Chandra Bose.

Dear Chancery,

A copy of a letter from one Mr.Kailash Narain dated the 10th September 1950, is enclosed. We would be grateful if enquiries could be instituted regarding the whereabouts of the persons mentioned therein and the result communicated to this Ministry at an early date.

Yours ever,

Ministry of External Affairs.

The Legation of India in Austria,
VIENNA.



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Copy of most urgent letter dated the 10th September 1950
from Kailash Narain, c/o Seth J.S. Berdeiya, BERDEIYA
BUILDINGS, Johri Bazar, JAIPUR to the Minister-in-Charge,
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of India, New Delhi.

Ref: The Press news about the miserable
condition of wife and daughter of
Hon Late Shri Subash Chandra Bose
living in Viena (Europe).

Recently it was a matter of great shock
to public as well as to undersigned to read in newspapers
that the wife and daughter of our great Leader Late
Netaji Subash Chandra Bose are living under great myseries
and financial difficulties in some-where in Europe. Not
only this their condition is so bad that sometimes
they are without food for days. It was also revealed that
a small financial help was sent to them by our Prime
Minister which is insufficient.

In fact Netaji was greatest leader of his time
and owe much to our country. The wife and daughter of
such a big leader living in myseries is really a matter
of great shame for India.

I have become greatly interested in them and
wish to help them with financial help heavily as well as
try my efforts to bring them in India.

Therefore will you kindly inform me of their
whereabouts and full address so that I may contact them.

Also kindly let me know how much help has been

sent to them and what efforts are being done to bring them to India.

I am awaiting your kind favourable reply to come at the earliest date.

Thanking you.

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WIEN, 14.11.1950.
I., Schottengasse 6

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Ihr Schreiben vom 11.11.1950
Ref. your letter of CON/8 (1)
Votre lettre du

Legation of India
(K.V. Ramaswamy)

W i e n XVIII
Sternwartestrasse 69

Wir beehren uns, Ihnen mitzuteilen, daß wir folgende Buchungen vorgenommen haben:

Dear Sir(s):- Kindly take note that we have passed the following entries:

Messieurs, Nous vous informons que nous avons passé les écritures suivantes:

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Hochachtungsvoll — Yours truly — Vos dévoués

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Wien, 26.8.1950.
L. Schöttengasse 6

Legation of India
/K.V.Ramaswami/

W i e n XVIII
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Hon. Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru, Prime Minister of India

Indian Vice Consul and Attache, Vienna

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Hochachtungsvoll — Yours very truly — Vos dévoués
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No. 1212/7/CONS/GEN
INDIAN MILITARY MISSION
BERLIN, BAOR 2

29th March, 1950.

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Dear Chancery,

Please refer to your letter No. CON/8 (2) of 15th March, 1950. This is to inform you that we have no correspondence in our files relating to Frau Emily SCHENKL of Vienna.

Yours ever,
INDIAN MILITARY MISSION
BERLIN

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Legation of India,
69, Sternwartestrasse,
Vienna XVIII (AUSTRIA)

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Con/8(2)

15th March 1950.

Consular Officer
Indian Military Mission,
Berlin, B.A.O.R. 2
Attention: Major T.P. Francis.

Sub: Mrs. Erika Thakur and son Motiram.

Sir, I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. 1212/5/Con3/Gen. dated 28th February and the enclosure thereto.

It is requested in this connection that the papers relating to Frau Emily SCHENKL of Vienna, if any, may kindly be transferred to this Legation.

Yours faithfully,

sgd
K!V. Ramaswamy
for Legation of India.

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24 January 1950

Note on Discussions with Director Richter
Regarding Frau Schenkl.

Director Richter of the Internationale Schadens- und Unfallversicherung (7 Tegethofstrasse, Vienna I) called on me this morning at 11:30 hours. This was a return call as I had called on him earlier on 11th January.

Director Richter was a friend of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the discussions turned on his activities in Europe, Sri A.C.N. Nambiar and the activities of the I.N.A. Towards the close of the conversation Director Richter mentioned that he had been in touch with Frau Schenkl and that his wife knew her fairly well.

During the discussions, he disclosed that he knew that Frau Schenkl was not married to Netaji. All that he could say was that they were very good friends and he was almost certain that the child was that of Netaji. Director Richter had the impression that it was Netaji's intention to marry her after the war, but he had never mentioned that to anyone. Frau Schenkl, however, had a letter in her possession written in Bengalee addressed to his brother which had to be produced only in case he was dead. Director Richter understood that photo copies of this letter were sent by Frau Schenkl to Sri Sarat Bose through a common friend, copies of which, however, also reached the hands of Sjt Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel.

Director Richter had discussed this case with Sri Nambiar who was opposed to her employment with the Indian Legation for certain reasons. Sri Nambiar's proposal was that Sjt Sarat Bose must provide for the child somehow. Director Richter sympathizes with Frau Schenkl, considered her intelligent and respectable. She was devoted to her mother and was opposed to living in India. She was in straightened circumstances and would appreciate financial assistance. She is too proud to ask. Director Richter considered that discreet pressure should be brought to bear on Sri Sarat Bose to make a lump allotment or the Government of India must make some provision from the Consular Fund.

He was also of the opinion that it would be undesirable to have her on the staff of the Indian Legation in Vienna, in view of her delicate relationship with Netaji.

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D/MIN/11

21st November 1949

Sub: Mrs. E. Schenkl

Sir,

Since my arrival here I have visited Mrs. Schenkl at her home on three occasions and have also invited her to our Legation. On these occasions I conveyed Your Excellency's greetings to this lady and Sri Narayanaiah and the presents which he carried from Berne. I have promised Mrs. Schenkl our full assistance whenever needed.

I understand that she has also been in correspondence with Your Excellency.

After meeting this lady and having heard her accounts, I feel that her case needs very careful handling. The question of extending nationality concessions to the child appears to me to be an extremely delicate consular matter. While therefore we shall extend every courtesy and assistance personally, I am reluctant, pending your advice in the matter, to extend any official or even unofficial recognition to the claims so far orally put forward by this lady.

I am writing this letter to you after a great deal of hesitance. But as it is my duty to keep you informed on all matters of importance, I have ventured to put my thoughts in writing. I am sure you are aware of all the facts of this case; nevertheless, I have called for the papers relating to Mrs. Schenkl, some of it I have seen in Berlin. These will be submitted to you as soon as they are received.

Perhaps it may be possible for you to discuss this
matter when you visit Vienna.

Respectfully,
D/MIN/11

Sincerely,
Mrs. E. Schenk

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